

owners of vessels from making and subscribing any oaths or affirmations required by any laws of the United States, not immediately relating to the collection of the duties on the importation of goods, wares and merchandise into the United States.

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tain oaths.

Sec. 111. *And be it further enacted*, That in cases where the forms of official documents, as prescribed by this act, shall be substantially complied with and observed, according to the true spirit, meaning and intent thereof, no penalty or forfeiture shall be incurred by a deviation therefrom; and the officers of the department of the treasury, according to their respective powers and duties, shall and may from time to time prescribe additions to the said forms, for the purpose of adapting the same to any alterations which may be made to the rates, of duties on the importation of goods, wares and merchandise, and on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and for the better collection and payment of the said duties: *Provided however*, That it shall not be competent for the said officers to prescribe any form or regulations incompatible with, or contravening the special provisions of this act.

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Sec. 112. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the thirtieth day of June next ensuing, the act of Congress passed on the fourth day of August, in the year, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships and vessels," and also all other acts or parts of acts, coming within the purview of this act, shall be repealed, and thenceforth cease to operate, except as to the continuance of the officers appointed in pursuance of the said act or parts of acts: except also as to the recovery and receipt of such duties on goods, wares and merchandise, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels as shall have accrued; and as to the payment of brawbacks bounties, and allowances upon the exportation of goods, wares and merchandise, and as to the recovery and distribution of fines penalties and forfeitures, which shall have been incurred before and on the said day; subject nevertheless, in respect to the collection of duties, to the alterations contained and expressed in the present act.

Repeal of
former acts,

JONATHAN DAYTON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

TH: JEFFERSON,

Vice-president of the United States, and

President of the Senate.

APPROVED—March 2, 1799.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

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Know all men by these presents that we _____ are held
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dollarseach; to the surveyors in the several districts comprizing the northern and western boundaries of the United States, and the river Ohio, two hundred dollars each; to the surveyor of Shell Castle or Becon Island, one thousand dollars; to each of the collectors of the districts of Wilmington, in Delaware, Annapolis, Havre-de-Grace, Chester in Maryland, Gloucester, South Quay, Yeocomico, Tappahannock, Newbern, Edenton, Camden, Wilmington (North Carolina) Nanjemoy, Ipswich, York, Washington, and Bermuda Hundred, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; to each of the collectors of the districts of Oxford, Vienna, Sagg-Harbour, Nottingham, Hampton, York-Town, Damfries, Foley Landing, Cherry-stone, Beaufort, Brunswick, and Hardwich, the sum of two hundred dollars; to each of the collectors of the districts of Perth-Amboy, Portsmouth, Hudson, Plymouth, Barnstable, Nantucket, Edgartown, New-Bedford, Dighton, Penobscot, Frenchman's Bay, Machias, (Newport,) Middletown, Fairfield, Burlington, Bridgetown, Great Egg-Harbour, Little Egg-Harbour Snowhill, Georgetown (in South-Carolina) Sunbury, Marblehead, New-Haven and Georgetown (in Maryland) the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; to each of the collectors of Biddeford, Bath and Wiscasset, one hundred dollars; to the naval officer of the district of Portsmouth, two hundred dollars; to each of the naval officers of the districts of Newburyport, Salem, Newport, Providence, Wilmington (in North-Carolina) and Savannah, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; to each of the surveyors of Salem, Portsmouth, Newburyport, Gloucester, Bristol, Warren, East-Greenwich, North-Kingston, St. Mary's, Suffolk, Smithfield, Richmond, Petersburg, Fredericksburgh, Wilmington, Beaufort and Swansborough, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; to each of the surveyors of Newport, Providence, Thomastown, Beverly, New-Haven, Middletown, Hartford, Saybrook, Albany, Hudson, Lewellenburgh, Portland, Pawkatuck, Patuxet, New-London, Stonington, Town-Creek, Bermuda Hundred, West-Point, Urbanna, Port-Royal, Alexandria, Windsor, Hartford, Plymouth, Skewarky, Murfreesborough, Bennet's Creek, Winton, Nixinton, Newbiggen Creek, Pasquotank River, Indian-Town, Currituck Inlet, Savannah, and New-Brunswick (in New-Jersey) the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; to each of the surveyors of such ports of delivery as may be hereafter established by the President of the United States, and for whom other annual compensations are not hereby provided, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars: And it shall be the duty of the respective collectors, naval officers and surveyors, to keep accurate accounts of all fees and official emoluments received by them; also of all expenditures, particularizing their expenditures for rent, fuel, stationary and clerk-hire, and to transmit annually, within forty days after the last day of December, an account, as aforesaid, verified on oath or affirmation, to the comptroller of the treasury, who shall annually lay an abstract of the same before congress; and if any collector, naval officer

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or surveyor shall omit or neglect to keep an account, as aforesaid, or to transmit the same, verified as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the use of the United States.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the compensations of the commissioned officers of the revenue cutters shall be as follows, to wit: To a captain or master, fifty dollars per month and the subsistence of a captain in the army of the United States; to a first lieutenant or mate, thirty-five dollars per month; to a second lieutenant or mate, thirty dollars per month; to a third lieutenant or mate, twenty-five dollars per month; and to every lieutenant or mate, the subsistence of a lieutenant in the army of the United States; and the pay of the non-commissioned officers, gunners and mariners employed in the said cutters, shall from time to time be established and varied by the president of the United States, not exceeding twenty dollars per month, with such rations as are or shall be allowed in the naval service of the United States.

Compensation & subsistence of the officers of revenue cutters.

Pay and rations of the crew.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever a collector shall die or resign, the commissions to which he would have been entitled, on the receipt of all duties bonded by him, shall be equally divided between the collector resigning or the legal representative of such deceased collector and his successor in office, whose duty it shall be to collect the same; and for this purpose all the public or official books, papers and accounts of the collector resigning or deceased, shall be delivered over to such successor.

If a collector die or resign, how certain fees are to be distributed.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JAMES ROSS,
President of the Senate, Pro tempore,

APPROVED—March 2, 1799.

JOHN ADAMS,
President of the United States.

CHAPTER CXXX.

An ACT for the government of the Navy of the United States.

Sec. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following rules and regulations be adopted and put in force, for the government of the navy of the United States.

Article 1. The commanders of all ships and vessels belonging to the United States, are strictly required to shew in themselves a good example of honor and virtue to their officers and men, and to be very vigilant in inspecting the behavior of all such

Duty of command.

as are under them, and to discountenance and suppress all dissolute, immoral and disorderly practices; and also such as are contrary to the rules of discipline and obedience, and to correct those who are guilty of the same, according to the usage of the sea service.

Divine service. 2. The commanders of the ships of the United States, having on board chaplains, are to take care that divine service be performed twice a day, and a sermon preached on Sundays, unless bad weather, or other extraordinary accidents prevent.

Swearing & drunkenness. 3. Any person who shall be guilty of profane swearing, or of drunkenness, if a seaman or marine, shall be put in irons until sober, and then flogged, if the captain shall think proper; but if an officer, he shall forfeit two days pay, or incur such punishment as a court-martial shall impose, and as the nature and degree of the offence shall deserve.

Commanders not to inflict a greater punishment than twelve lashes:— 4. No commander, for any one offence, shall inflict any punishment upon a seaman or marine, beyond twelve lashes, upon his bare back, with a cat of nine tails, and no other cat shall be made use of on board any ship of war or other vessel belonging to the United States; if the fault shall deserve a greater punishment, he is to apply to the secretary of the navy, the commander in chief of the navy, or the commander of a squadron, in order to the trying of him by a court-martial; and in the mean time he may put him under confinement.

Nor to discharge commission or warrant officers, &c. 5. The commander is never, by his own authority, to discharge a commission or warrant officer, nor to punish or strike him, but he may suspend or confine him, and shall report the case to the secretary of the navy, or commandant of a squadron, as soon as he arrives in port, if at sea, or if in port, in ten days, in order that a court-martial may decide on the offence.

Officer occasionally commanding not to order punishment. 6. The officer who commands by accident, in the captain or commander's absence (unless he be absent for a time by leave) shall not order any correction but confinement, and upon the captain's return on board, he shall then give an account of his reasons for so doing.

Articles of war to be hung up and read. 7. The captain is to cause the articles of war to be hung up in some public place of the ship, and read to the ship's company once a month.

Seamen to be entered on the ships books. 8. Whenever a captain shall enter or enlist a seaman, he shall take care to enter on his books, the time and terms of his entering, in order to his being justly paid.

Return of officers and men to be made, &c. 9. The captain shall, before he sails, make return to the secretary of the navy, a complete list of all his officers and men, with the time and terms of their entering; and during his cruise or station, shall keep a true account of the desertion or death of any of them, and of the entering of others, and after the expiration of the time for which they were entered, and before any of them are paid off he shall make return of a complete list of the same, including those who shall remain on board his ship.